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OSCAR CRINO:

**Discovery
of the year**



Richmond to meet Kogarah

Richmond High School (Vic) will meet Kogarah High School (NSW) for the Australian championship at Kevin Bartlett Reserve, Richmond, on November 23 at 1 pm.

The two schools won their respective State championships recently.

Richmond's team includes Tohong Nhan Sieng who has trained with Portuguese club Benfica.

The Richmond players also include:

ARTHUR HATZIOANNOU (Thomastown Amateurs): fast, skillful right winger, scored both goals in Richmond's victory over Murrumbeena in the Victorian final.

RATKO BELIC (Footscray J.U.S.T.): versatile left-flank player, brother of Vlasto Belic.

NICK GOURLIAS (Richmond Allemannia): hard-working midfielder and regular scorer.

PETER DELENGOS (Richmond Allemannia): tremendous pace, can play any position with equal effectiveness.

STANYO TATTOS (Richmond Allemannia): powerful centre forward, top goalscorer and excellent passer.

BILL HATZACOSTAS: goalkeeper, saved two penalties during season.

CHRIS HRONIS (Clifton Hill): left back or midfielder, youngest in the team. Highly skilled, strong in the tackle.

JIM KATOGLOU — reliable right back.

NGUYEN TUAN (Thanh long) — skilful right back or midfielder, perceptive passer.

DRAGAN SERDAR (Richmond Allemannia): centre back, very strong in the air.

BILL HATZACOSTAS: goalkeeper, saved two penalties during season.

CHRIS HRONIS (Clifton Hill): left back or midfielder, youngest in the team. Highly skilled, strong in the tackle.

TCHONG NHAN SIONG (Richmond Jaguars): has trained with Benfica. Fast and has all the skills.

• **PICTURED** Richmond High School Victorian schools champion from left, standing: J. Brugman (coach), Arthur Hatzianou, Ratko Belic, Nick Gourlis, Peter Delengos, Stanyo Tattos, Nick Anthopoulos, Jim Kogolou. Front: Nguyen Tuan, Dragan Serdar, Bill Hatzacostas, Ilias Anastasiou, Chris Hronis, Tchong Nhan Siong. Absent: Mike Bakopoulos.

RALE RASIC



Many of my fellow coaches said Oscar Crino would never make it as a top-line senior player when I signed him for Hellas from Hong Kong club Tung Sing.

It's quite fascinating therefore to hear them talk about Crino today in gushing superlatives.

To me, and to most other lovers of football, Oscar Crino has been the discovery of the season.

I say discovery not because he couldn't play previously — he was, after all, in the 1981 national youth team — but because this was his first season in senior, top-level league football, and he came through it with flying colors.

He's the type of footballer the public of today wants, for he has the ability and the skill to entertain.

Other young players also deserve credit — Saleiman Odeh of Footscray J.U.S.T., for example, Robbie Stalter of St. George, Joe Mullens of Adelaide City, and Frank Farina of Canberra.

But Oscar Crino stands a mile above any other player in his age bracket.

I was most disappointed that he wasn't honored by selection to the national squad for the Merlin Cup in Singapore.

As for established senior players, I'd say the best of them this year were Zarko Odzakov (Makedonia), Dez Marton (St. George), Phil O'Connor (Wollongong) and Joe Watson (Sydney Hakoah).

Of the four, I'd pick Odzakov as player of the year. He carried the flag of skilful soccer more so than anyone else, and in Australian soccer, he is the most complete individual.

I also congratulate Peter Tredinnick (APIA) who won the Presto Smallgoods player of the year award in Sydney.

Trying to pinpoint the coach of the year is more difficult.

All credit to Frank Ark for winning the championship, Eddie Thomson for coming so close to his fourth consecutive title with Hakoah, Peter Ollerott for maintaining his good work with Makedonia, and Ken Kaiser for lifting Newcastle up the ladder.

Ollerott missed out on the top four only on goal difference last season, and this year came within a whisker of winning the title.

At one stage, Makedonia was seven points clear at the top, yet in comparison with St. George, Ollerott trained less professional players, and he operated in a less professional climate.

Ful marks to him.

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Oscar Crino

Kiakos, Salvo, Mihailidis for Heidelberg

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Con Kiakos, Marcelo Salvo and John Mihailidis are expected to wear the Heidelberg-Alexander colors next year.



Con Kiakos

He joined South Oakleigh's under-11's in 1978 and was taught most of his skills by Alex Bouzoulis.

"We always worked with a ball. There was none of this running lap after lap. I was a centre forward then but changed to midfield when I spent a year with Hellas."

Kiakos is well muscled in the legs for such a young player. While he praises Bouzoulis for concentrating on ball work, Kiakos is a fitness fanatic.

"He trains every weekday. After coming home from school and doing his homework, he has a kick around with some pals, then he'll go to a nearby park and work on his ball skills. A five-kilometre run rounds off his private session."

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Marcelo Salvo



John Mihailidis

TARGET TANSEY

Forget the speculation that Jim Tansey will leave Heidelberg-Alexander. So says club president Sam Goulopoulos.

"If I'm re-elected, Tansey will be re-appointed," Goulopoulos said.

"And if he wants to play as well as coach, I won't stand in his way."

Asked whether there would be a few extra dollars in it for Tansey, Goulopoulos said: "His contract is up. We'll have to negotiate a new one."

Goulopoulos and the rest of the committee are still of the opinion that Tansey's results since he took over as coach nine games ago.

During that time, he has won seven and drawn two.

His popularity hit its peak when Heidelberg beat Hellas

in front of a 15,000 crowd in the National Cup semi-final last Sunday.

Heidelberg will meet Sydney Olympic in the final at St. George Stadium on Sunday and Olympic Park on Sunday week.

Tansey said at first he would be leaving Heidelberg next year, but he's since changed his mind, saying he'll stay on as coach if he's offered the right terms.

John Gardiner, formerly of Croatia, previously was linked with the Heidelberg job.

Heidelberg will fly to Sydney probably on Sunday morning, seeking its second

honor in NSL soccer. It won the NSL grand final against Sydney Hakoah in 1980.

And it's Heidelberg's fourth appearance in a final since Goulopoulos became president. The club lost two Ampol Cup finals — to Hellas and Ajax, and last year's National Cup final to APIA.

Warren returns

Johnny Warren and Doug Collins will form a new partnership to boost Canberra Arrows on and off the field next season.

Collins, who left Marconi two weeks ago after Les Scheinfled was named Marconi's new coach for 1984, takes up the Canberra coaching position vacated by Attila Abonyi, who succeeds as promotions consultant.

Warren, who was Canberra's first coach in the NSL in 1977, returns as promotions consultant.

It is his job to boost the club's image and draw more spectators through the gate.

He had a similar job with Sydney City Hakoah.

Abonyi's coached Croatia 1977-79. He succeeds Josip Kuze.

Full marks to him.

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Dowie, Wade for Davo?

South Melbourne Hellas wants to spend the \$30,000 it hopes to get by selling Alan Davidson, on at least three new players — a striker, full back and midfielder.

So says club president Leo Anozakis.

Anozakis shares the opinion of coach Len McKendry that Davidson is not welcome to return to Hellas (see page 3).

He said that even though Davidson's contract with Hellas extends until the end of 1984, McKendry could "leave him on the bench."

Anozakis said Hellas may make bids for some good State League players, like John Dowie and Sean Keough of Doveton, or Paul Wade and Joe Sweeney of Croydon.

Germany replaces Greece

Knox City hopes to revive the soccer interest of the fifties when it runs its "World Cup" at Egan Lee Reserve, Knoxfield, from December 19 to December 3.

It will be similar to the Laidlaw World Cup played in front of crowds of 20,000 — plus from 1950 to 1960.

Players must have been born in the country they represent in the tournament.

Germany replaces Greece, which withdrew because most Greek players will be involved in the Greek Summer Cup.

The Australia team includes Charlie Yanks (Heidelberg), Steve Blair (Hellas), Mike Valentine (Heidelberg) and brothers Ian and Alan Roodhouse (Box Hill).



Sir Arthur George: beats a conspiracy.

Now that the season is over, fans will have more time to watch home movies. We recommend these videos, available in VHS and Beta. Most are in English; interpreters can be arranged.

Our movie guide for soccer fans



By ANDREW DETTRE



Tommy Docherty: waiting for his third coming.

THE HOUSE OF WAX. Horror. Juventus of Adelaide talks itself into changing their image into pure Oz-British, shedding their shameful Italian outlook and charisma; switch from pasta to pie, from gelato to jellybeans. When they wake up from their coma they discover that, with all the wax, their support has also melted away.

HOW TO MARRY A MILLIONAIRE. Light-hearted nonsense. Brisbane Lions are getting richer while their crowds are getting smaller; eventually they own most of Queensland including the National Party. To attract spectators they offer their players' hands in marriage to the first spectators who enter the gates.

THUNDERBOLT & LIGHTFOOT. Action. Starring Murray Barnes and Joe Watson getting into all sorts of ticklish situations, fighting back to back against lions, hawks, leopards, giants, rams and other species invented by Dr. Doolittle and later franchised by ASK Marketing.

ANY WHICH WAY YOU CAN. Comedy. Frank Arrok pretends to be a tough taskmaster, assuming the role of a grand inquisitor, prodding and whipping his men towards his targets but deep down he is just a gentle soul whose hobby is breeding new geranium species. In the end he suffers from apoplexy.

FOR A FEW DOLLARS MORE. Action. In fact, court action. Rate ("call me Zvonimir") basic gives South Melbourne the \$64,000

question and threatens to deport the whole management to a Greek fishing village unless they answer correctly. Later he relents, accepts the ASF presidency and engages Sir Arthur as gear steward.

KISS TOMORROW GOODBYE. Drama. Well brought up, innocent suburban-country club saves and struggles for years to enter the big-time, dreaming of fame and glory. Then, within a year or so, they are caught up in the rat race, fall on hard times, sell all their assets and face the choice of the poorhouse or asylum for the insane. They accept both.

CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG. Comic drama. Stars Sydney identity well known to himself giving amusing impersonations as publicist, journalist, manager, informer, leaker, intriguer and endless source of trivia, some of it true.

INVASION OF THE BODY SNATCHERS. Action. Sydney City commando troops land during the night at Tel Aviv airport, kidnap 2,000 transit passengers peacefully eating their matzo soup, bring them back and chain them to the benches of Athletic Field.

THE ENFORCER. Drama. Stars Tony Boskovic, carrying a six-shooter, bazaar, a dozen yellow and red cars, a raincoat against Olympic fans and a Serbo-Croatian dictionary explaining to one and all that his name ends in "itch" and not "ick".

TIME AFTER TIME. Romance. Tommy

Docherty arrives, joins Olympic, packs up and leaves never to return. On his second coming he joins Olympic, packs up and leaves never to return. On his third coming ...

ALL THE PRESIDENT'S MEN. Thriller. Various ambitious characters plot and plan the overthrow of Sir Arthur. But the veteran knight discovers the conspiracy, rounds up the perpetrators, grins at them three times and they all confess whereupon he is re-elected by unanimous disclaimal.

BATTLE OF THE BULGE. Les Scheinfeld plays a Todenkopf captain squeezed into his tank for months, badly in need of exercise. When he discovers that he is rapidly gaining weight, he orders his troops to run ten laps around Liechtenstein and announces that the collective weight of the battalions is sharply down.

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF. Musical. On top of the grandstand, the Footscray-JUST treasurer counts the number of spectators and, without fail, arrives at the round figure of 1,000 giving rise to deep suspicion that after that quota they shut the gates. Or cannot count.

HANG THEM HIGH. Western. Out at Marconi Ranch sheriff Cool Doug Collins runs a clean town but isn't appreciated by the folks who frame him and at high noon, about 7pm, hang him from the goalpost then ride into the boozey pitches.

ASSAULT ON FORT KNOX. High action.

South Melbourne Hellas, having spent on new players and coaches all the fortunes of the Rothschilds, the Rockefellers, the Getty's and the Onassis mob, stage a raid on the gold reserves of Ford Knox in order to buy a new winger. Foot Scray and Heidi Berg are arrested as accomplices.

A VOYAGE AROUND MY FATHER. Trav-
elogue. Polished all-rounder Bertie Mariani leaves Marconi despite dad becoming club president, under pressure from coach Cool Doug Collins. Later Collina leaves Marconi under pressure from dad's colleagues and Bertie is set to return to club Subties.

THE OLD MASTER. Ex-national coach Goodie Rottendorf seeks revenge over his 1981 voluntary resignation and has Australia surrounded by himself: drops in on Fiji, Samoa, Tonga and now Japan and tells them all how to become world beaters and hold the Kiwis to a draw.

TALL STORY. Horror. APIA Leichhardt officials tell one version to a Judge, player Johann Schramm tells another and the judge believes Herr Johann who wins a \$27,000 first prize for getting closer to the truth while the secretary gets chided for his odd dabblings into real estate.

WHAT'S IN A NAME? Comedy. Editor Laurie Schwab fights lonely battle to save original club names from extinction, survives sustained panning from ASF, eventually wins his case when hierarchy relents and allows Hakoah to be called Juventus.

LAZZARI CUP JOINS THE COPPA ITALIA

The 1983 "Coppa Italia" will start on November 5 at the ground of Fawkner Azzurri, Smith Reserve, Jukes Road, Fawkner.

Some matches will be played under lights midweek for the first time.

Another novelty of this year's competition is the incorporation of the "Lazzari Cup" for the under 14 age group, organised with the support of Juventus Old Boys and the Lazzari family to honour the memory of the late Lou Lazzari, maseur of the national team and Juventus.

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• West Adelaide coach Peter Koulios

Strife-torn season for West, and now Crook may leave!



Meno Toutsidis

West Adelaide Hellas, which just managed to avoid the relegation zone for the third time in four years, will have to spend big over the summer if it is to survive in the restructured NSL.

It was painfully obvious in 1983 that West Adelaide could not hope to cop it if it maintains the same squad and adds only one or two inexpensive signings.

And while West officials have been making some grandiose promises, at least in print, that they would pursue some big names — George Christopoulos and Phil O'Connor are two who have been mentioned — they have little hope of securing them.

The main problem is finance, and it would take some convincing to lure players to West Adelaide which was embroiled in controversy throughout the season.

First, Wally Bojczuk, who had joined West from Azzurri, rejoined Azzurri after an unhappy few months, and then Stewart Blair, also from Azzurri, transferred to Adelaide City without playing a single NSL match with West.

He was transferred in an exchange deal with Chris Mahonou, who subsequently spent most of the season in West's State League team while Blair starred with City.

Later the club suspended Paul Wormley and Mick Brennan, who had clashed with some spectators.

And then it was announced Wormley had been sacked. The Englishman was followed soon after by coach Alan West who met with the committee. Both parties decided a split was desirable, and so West was replaced by Peter Koulios.

With West gone, Brennan and Bill Amey, another West signing, also found themselves on the outer.

So what began as a promising season for West ended in disappointment.

West actually led the league for two weeks — rounds four

further to have benched, but because of the circumstances he had little option.

Vest coached West for 58 matches — more than double the number of any previous coach.

He remains, in my opinion, one of Australia's premier coaches.

West secured Gary Sproul from Croatia on loan when Martin Crook was injured early in the season.

And when Crook recovered mid-season, Sproul was still preferred after a string of impressive displays.

But clearly, one of them has to go.

My tip is Crook, who still remains one of Australia's best goalkeepers, will move to another club.

But above all, the new coach will have to dig deep into the transfer market for quality.

One player seems certain to join West — Steve Pandurov, Polonia's brilliant young striker, who still carries a desire and goal instinct to boost West's strike power.

If he joins the club, he could form a deadly partnership with Graham Heys.

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Alan Davidson (left) challenges Gerard Gomez of Sydney Hakoah. Coach McKendry doesn't want Davidson back.

'It's him or me,' he says.



Lowe hopes to stay with Southampton

by TED SIMMONS

National Youth team striker David Lowe will not return to Australian club soccer next season if he trials successfully next month with English First Division team Southampton.

Lowe left last week with Newcastle United for an American indoor tournament in San Diego and two exhibition matches in Alaska before continuing on to London.

"My one-year contract with Newcastle expires at the end of this season, so I may have the option to retain my services. But if I satisfy Southampton I would have to play out the rest of the English season which ends late April," he said.

"Ken Kaiser has asked me to think about staying with Newcastle next year but the club has not talked terms yet and if Southampton offers me a contract I will probably accept it."

"This would limit my time in Australia to guess appearances during the short English off-season but I will definitely be available to play in the National team if selected for the World Cup qualifying rounds," said Lowe.

Australian Soccer Federation executive director Brian

Emery confirmed that special steps were being taken to ensure that players who travel overseas will be available for National team recall.

"We have taken this action over the past couple of years since the talent drain began after the 1981 World Youth Championships and it currently applies to David Mitchell in Scotland and Eddie Kracevic in Yugoslavia," he said.

"Next year's contracts for National League will include a standard clause that if a player goes overseas he must be released for National team duty. This would not involve social games but would refer to World Cup and Youth matches."

"This clause can also be enforced if a player wants to appear for Australia and the club refuses to give permission," added Emery.

David Lowe began his soccer career as a schoolboy at Jersey, in the Channel Islands and has been kicking a ball since he was able to walk.

His family came to Australia ten years ago.

"I'm going to England because I want to make a big-time success and establish myself in the English First Division. I want to keep improving and that's where I can learn about the game," he said.

"I need to learn against professional club footballers, the best markers, how to lose them and to get better in the air."

"Heading has never been a strong point in my game and I want to try to copy Kevin Keegan who also is not tall. But he gets into position brilliantly and gets up superbly for most of his size."

Lowe said there was a marked difference between club training and the sessions he underwent when training with the National Youth team under coach Les Scheinflug.



David Lowe

Hird Juve's best

Left back Harry Hird (pictured) was named Juventus' player of the year at the Victoria State League club's presentations last week.

Hird joined Juventus from Altona City.

Juventus' best clubman trophy went to Billy Rogers.

Andrew Zinni was the most improved player, and also was joint top scorer, along with Fabio Incantelupo.

Juventus leaves for Ball on November 2 to compete in the Garuda Cup.

threat to 'Davo'

When South Melbourne Hellas coach Len McKendry declared last week that as long as he remained coach, Alan Davidson never again would play for the club, he triggered angry reaction throughout Australia.

"Soccer Action" phone lines ran hot with callers wanting to comment on the controversy.

And all of them took the side of Alan Davidson!

As "Soccer Action" explained, Davidson left last week for trials with Bayern Munich in West Germany, and Arsenal and perhaps West Ham in England.

When he renewed his contract with Hellas early this year, he made it clear in the contract, that he would be leaving for Europe immediately after the last league game of the season.



Rale Rasic

McKendry asked Davidson to delay his trip. Davidson tried. He made phone calls to Germany, but as it turned out, it was too late to change his arrangements. Air fares and accommodation had been booked seven weeks previously.

McKendry declared that while Davidson was "legally right" in relation to his contract, he was "morally wrong" in leaving before the semi-final.

He said if the club took Da-



Jim Tansey

vidson back next year, then he, McKendry, would quit.

The strongest reaction came from Hellas's previous coach, Rale Rasic.

"McKendry is putting his head on the chopping block, because Davidson is the biggest asset Hellas has.

"If McKendry refuses to have Davidson back next year, then he will break out Davidson's contract, which has another year to run?"

"A transfer fee of \$30,000 is stipulated in the contract. If he makes it overseas, then Hellas will get its \$30,000. But if Davidson comes back, I doubt any club in Australia can afford to buy him for such a sum."

"As McKendry doesn't want him, Davidson sit around twiddling his thumbs and collecting his wages from Hellas without doing anything," he said.

"Davidson is the most professional footballer in Australia, and he made sure that his contract was spot-on."

"The committee agreed to his terms and conditions early this year — and they included Davidson going overseas after the last league match of the season."

"Davidson has done nothing wrong. It will be interesting to see which of the two — Davidson or McKendry — will be leaving the club next year."

Jim Tansey, player-coach of Heidelberg-Alexander, said:

"Davidson's gone to better



Len McKendry

himself, and he gave the club something like eight months' notice. You can't be any fairer than that.

"If it had been one of my players, I would have asked him to stay, but as that's not possible, I'd say: 'Good luck to you, and you're welcome when you get back, because we can't afford to lose players of your calibre.'

"I wish Alan all the best."

John Payne, former player-coach of Altona City, the club from which Davidson switched to Hellas about five years ago, said:

"McKendry talks of loyalty and moral obligations in regards to Davidson, but in



John Payne

doing so, disregards his own situation."

"If Alan is showing disloyalty and if he is failing to meet his moral obligations in pursuing his ambitions, then how does McKendry justify his own action in leaving Green Gully during the season, in order to switch to Hellas?

"In so doing, he no doubt was pursuing ambitions of his own. If he doesn't think that he himself was disloyal and on sketchy moral ground in doing so, then how can he accuse Davidson?"

"I am Australian-born, just like Alan Davidson, and I am proud of his achievements. I have the highest regard for his character, and I want to say that what Australian soccer needs is more players like him — players good enough to make it overseas and thus boost Australia's reputation world-wide."

Cedo Cirkovic, coach of Fawkner, and former coach of Footscray J.U.S.T., said:

"I am very disappointed in



Cedo Cirkovic

"It is every young player's dream to play in Europe."

"Look at David Mitchell and Eddie Kracevic. They are big sensations in Europe — and Davidson can do the same. I wish him all the best of luck."

"I guarantee that if Arsenal or Bayern Munich wanted McKendry, then McKendry would leave Hellas, just like he left Green Gully and Croatia."

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KAT'S CORNER with PETER KATHOLOS



Carter, Hogg vie for the vacancy

really can't understand McKendry's attitude.

Anyway, in my view, Alan will not be coming back, as he's determined to make it overseas, and for my money, he's got enough to do on the field.

But Paul will certainly be missed in Australian soccer, and he'll leave a big gap in the national team.

With Davidson and David Mitchell both overseas, two vacancies have to be filled in the Soccerco side for the Merlion Cup tournament in Singapore in December.

Steve Hogg (Brisbane Lions) and Paul Carter (APIA) are vying for Davidson's right back position and Marshall Soper (Olympic) and Mark Jankovics (Marconi) are in line for Mitchell's spot up front.

It won't be an easy task to defend the Merlion Cup. The players will have to be 100 per cent fit to withstand the sticky tropical conditions, and the competition will be tougher this year because Saudi Arabia and China have been included, and South Korea, as usual, will be a tough customer.

Despite the obstacles how-

Congratulations, St. George. They've been very consistent all season.

Sydney Hakoah was in the unfamiliar position of runner-up, and Doug Brown is \$1000 richer, as he picks up a cheque from Boral Bricks for having finished as the league's top scorer with 16.

Marshall Soper (Olympic)

could have taken the \$1000

had he not missed three sitters against Makedonia.

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Four-nation series gets top award

by PETER SCOTT



And now, what you have all been waiting for with bated breath: My year's-end awards.

Promotion of the year: The ASF's four-nation international tournament this month.

Musical Chairs Champion of the NSL: Doug Collins.

Administrators of the Year: Sydney Olympic's committee.

Public Relations Coup of the Year: The NSL and its member clubs for regularly "forgetting" to invite media people to press conferences.

Image Problem of the Year: Sydney Hakoah's leadership, who tried everything to kill off a great team and then blamed the fans for taking their word for it.

Schizophrenia Award: To Manly Soccer Club in Sydney for its stout and principled opposition to the revamping of the NSL followed immediately by equally determined attempts to gain membership of it.

Hottest Air Award: To erstwhile Olympic coach Tommy Docherty, now thankfully departed from our midst, who was an abject failure on the field and managed to generate

more adverse publicity and derogatory comments about his fellow coaches and other teams in a few short months than everybody else put together in the past ten years.

Back to Earth Award: To the NSW judge in the Schermann vs APIA-Leichhardt case, who forcibly brought home the point that contracts are legally binding documents, even where they concern soccer players.

Champion Award: To South Melbourne Hellas, dreadful one-day championship contenders the next.

Corna Award: To Victorian soccer clubs who are still chasing that elusive first title in the NSL with the best part of a decade gone.

Bandit of the Year Award: To the NSL Management Committee for hijacking the "Bandit of the Year" Award which was conceived, created and initiated by the Australian Soccer Press Association (ASPA).

Pussycat of the Year: ASPA, for allowing the NSL to get away with it.

KIAKOS FOR HEIDELBERG

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Kiaikos made his first-team debut with South Oakleigh, after returning from Hellas for the 1981 season, as a 14-year-old. The match was against Brighton in the Greek Summer Cup. Since then he has developed rapidly and now is a first-team regular.

Oakleigh has won promotion during its only two years in the Metropolitan Leagues. On both occasions, it has finished second to Greek rival Caulfield City.

The rivalry between Oakleigh and Caulfield is even bigger than between Hellas and Alexander. There's really big money flying around whenever we play Caulfield," said Kiaikos.

"Oakleigh has been a strong club for many years now. When we were playing in the Provisional Leagues people

didn't take much notice of us but they're taking notice now."

Kiaikos reckons his best position is as an attacking midfielder. That's the position in which he aims to realise his ambition of playing for Victoria and Australia at senior level.

He's been training with Heidelberg for the past few weeks and he's happy with the treatment he's received so far.

"Heidelberg is looking after me. Whether I sign with them or not will be decided by the terms we are prepared to offer. We'll probably talk this weekend and I just hope that everything works out."

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Heidelberg maintains perfect Cup record against Hellas



Laurie Schwab

HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER

3 (Cole 35th & 53rd, Lea 39th) SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 2 (Yzendoorn 88th, pen, & 39th), National Cup semi-final at Olympic Park. Crowd about 15,000 (triple header). Referee: Don Campbell (SA) 8. Sent off: Woodin (SM) 81st; cautions: McKie (SM) 81st; Macleod (H), Brown (SM).

HEIDELBERG: Olver 8 — McKie 7, Yankos 9, Macleod 9, Spanos 8 — Semelidis 7, Campbell 8, Valentine 9 — Cole 9, Lea 8, Patterson 7. Coach: Jim Tansey.

HELLAS: Laumets 7 — Russell 8, Blair 9, Yzendoorn 8, Halford 7 — Murphy 8, Crino 8, Woodin 7 (sent off — Egan 6, Brown 8, Buljevic 7. Coach: Len McKendry.

Heidelberg-Alexander maintained its Cup dominance over Hellas with exhilarating, energetic soccer and some powerhouse attacking play by Gary Cole, to storm into the National Cup final against Sydney Olympic.

Quite inspiring, except that we have heard it so often before, without very much being achieved in the development areas targeted at regular intervals by Sir Arthur and the ASF's rather transient mob of expert consultants.

Did venture the comment that the time has arrived for many of the old faces in soccer's administration to fade from the scene — himself not included, of course, as he openly stated.

Then he pointed out with glowing pride that Les Scheinfeld is the first "non-political" appointment to the national coaching job.

Wonder what Rale Rasic and Jimmy Shoulder, who were present at the function, and "Uncle Joe" Vlasits and Tike Jelisavcic, who weren't, think about that.

Then, for good measure, the irrepressible tycoon explained that occasions such as the Preston dinner are aimed at getting people to those at the top, such as President of the Soccer Federation, to communicate with those on "the ground floor".

Rats! Here I was thinking that I may have climbed up to the mezzanine, at least.

Rules and referees

Ruminating over the disgusting incident which put Diego Maradona out of football for months, I spent some time trying to work out what, if anything, can be done to put a stop to the careers of the "butchers" in our sport.

I might say here that the NSL is fortunately pretty clean in this respect.

However, it is a fact of Australian life that the latest "fashions" overseas, sooner or later reach our shores.

And players, past and present, are starting to speak up.

The legendary Pele bluntly stated on French TV recently that "the growth of brutality in soccer can only be reversed by some rule changes".

Hungary's Torocsik, after an injury which put him out for months, expressed his amazement that "another professional player would set out to deliberately cripple me, when he knows that this is my livelihood and I would want to continue for at least a few more years".

He went beyond that simple statement, though, by saying he can't understand how referees can allow such incidents to happen and go unpunished.

And this is the crux of the matter.

If the cancerous spread of deliberate attempts at maiming is not to take hold in Australia, our referees must as a body determine now that rough and unruly behaviour of a kind which could cause injury is to be punished immediately by the flash of a red card.

No finger wagging, no cautions and yellow cards.

Early showers!



The jubilant men of Heidelberg-Alexander, from left, top: Jim Campbell, Ian McKie, Derek Lea, Don Macleod, front: Jeff Olver, Gary Cole, Charlie Yankos, Theo Semelidis, Jim Tansey John Spanos.

gave no thought to putting specialists markers on Egan and Brown, the way most other teams do when they face Hellas.

But it would be unfair to give all the credit to Tansey, as he has been coaching Heidelberg in partnership with Cole — and what a partnership it's been.

Instead, they were left to whatever defenders happened to be closest to them, and it worked fine.

In fact, centre backs Charlie Yankos and Don Macleod were quite inspirations. Macleod displayed awesome power in the air, and in fact, played a part in the third goal, scored by Cole after Macleod had headed the ball down.

The midfield was dominated by the No. 6 shirt worn by Mike Valentine, who figured in almost every Heidelberg move.

And up front, Gary Cole was back at his best, scoring twice and playing some delightful passes — notably a crossfield ball to Scott Patterson which was sweet to behold.

Steve Blair performed near miracles in Hellas's defence, and Bobby Russell also threw himself about fearlessly, but none could keep out Gary Cole who also laid on Derek Lea's goal.

Doug Brown battled valiantly up front but unfortunately, when Branko Buljevic laid on a perfect scoring chance with a deft square pass, Brown shot across goal.

Oscar Crino also deserves praise for his tireless midfield play. Brown and Crino looked the only players capable of achieving anything for Hellas.

And so Heidelberg remains undefeated in nine matches under coach Jim Tansey. Make that 11 matches, for Heidelberg is almost certain to win both legs of the final, at St George Stadium on Sunday, and in Melbourne the following Sunday.

Heidelberg supporters Marlene Maunton broke out in poetry over her team's victory.

She wrote:

This player-coach is quite a chapie.

And now father Sam is really happy.

We can at last enjoy our Monday.

disarray as Egan moved in for the kill, but Olver got down for a desperate save.

Eight minutes into the second half, and Heidelberg led 3-0.

Yankos sent a long free kick to Macleod, he headed it down and Cole first-timed a volley into the far top corner.

Woodin was sent off with 36 minutes to go as Hellas stormed forward, taking advantage of the space conceded by Heidelberg, which was content now to rest on its laurels.

Crino and Brown probed and probed, and Brown it was who won that penalty over what referee Campbell ruled was a push by Macleod. Yzendoorn converted the penalty and with a minute to go it was Yzendoorn again who shot on a pass from Buljevic.

Cole blasted a high shot over the bar, which had Olver beaten. McKie, trying to clear, connected with it on the line and managed only to turn it in — but although it could be termed an own goal, it would have gone in anyway, so let's credit it to Yzendoorn.

Tansey was pleased with the performance.

The penalty was a very dubious decision but in all, we proved ourselves as good a side as Hellas despite our team having cost a lot less," he said.

Club president Sam Gouliopoulos said: "Hellas didn't create a clear-out chance, and scored only gift goals."

Because the Bergers won on Sunday.

All we hope is that you win the Cup.

Then we will really live it up.

The average age is not too old.

Here's to the boys in black and gold.

Thomastown blows it, Ghira's winner



Ron Kremers of Ajax, with the Armstrong Cup

Just when the cup was in Thomastown's reach, Ajax central defender Ron Kremers, who had moved forward late in the game, equalised. That was in the final minute of normal time. Kremers had tried to head in at back post but the ball was blocked. He reacted quickly and latched onto the rebound. That was the ball deflected before crossing the goal line.

The winner was a brilliant goal, engineered by substitute Bezzarolli down the right and finished spectacularly by Ghira with a first time volley on the turn from 15 metres.

That goal came in the 18th minute of extra time, by then Thomastown had found the fitter Ajax a handful.

But the early exchanges in this match were far different propositions. It was underdog Thomastown which showed Ajax how to get forward and how to create chances. Coco opened the scoring in the 7th minute after the ball had shot across the face of the Ajax goalmouth three times and Tavarolo miskicked from just eight metres in the 35th minute.

Thomastown keeper Di Basi was superb. Especially in the second half when Ajax poured

on the pressure. Time and again he pulled off superb saves to keep his side ahead and when Ajax finally struck, he was blameless.

Let me finish by changing the subject. I want to talk about bird shit and Albert Merrill's.

The seats in Olympic Park's grandstand were in disgusting condition. Millions were poured into the upgrading of this fine stadium for the 1981 World Youth Cup yet the seats in the grandstand seem to be a pigsty compared to what a soccer patron's paradise.

I know what Albert Merrill's job is during big games at Olympic Park. I do know that he isn't a referee. Why he should stand on the sideline at the end of normal time and at half time of extra time in the Armstrong Cup final, demanding that players change over and kick off immediately, mystifies me. I always thought that the man in black was in charge.

I've seen Mr. Merrill's kicking children off the field and the running track. Come to think of it, that may be his job. Yes, that's it. That's what he's there for. He's not in charge of games.

- CRAIG MACKENZIE

Koussas inspires Olympic

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 2 (Koussas 15th, Patikas 21st) MARCONI 1 (McCulloch 40th), National Cup semi-final at St George Stadium. Crowd: about 3,500. Referee: J. Reeves (Newc) 6.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier 9, Phillips 6, Candy 8, Dakos 8, Herbert 6, Jennings 7, Koussas 8, Patikas 8, Katholos 6, Soper 6, Patikas 5 (Kalentzis 81st). Coach: Manfred Schaefer.

MARCONI: James 7, Djordjevic 8, Bozanic 7, Henderson 8, Calderon 7, Carbone 5 (Winn 62nd), Sermani 7, McCulloch 7, Brown 6, Jankovic 6, Licata 5. Coach: Tony Henderson.

Sydney Olympic squeezed into the National Cup final with a scrappy win over luckless Marconi at St George stadium on Sunday.

Olympic led 2-0 after just 20 minutes and decided to sit back and defend, trying to hit Marconi on the break.

Indeed, when Mark Koussas who had a fine match — and Jim Patikas sent Olympic fans wild with delight with two

early goals, Marconi looked a wee beaten side.

However, Marconi fought back and should have scored three goals before the half time interval. Mark Jankovic hit the post in the 21st minute and Tom McCulloch missed with just Gary Meier to beat in the 43rd minute. Nevertheless, Marconi did pull a goal back in the 49th minute.

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By ALEX VESIC

Then came the best chance of the match for Marconi. McCulloch ran onto a Brown through ball and only was confronted by Meier but McCulloch miskicked, allowing Olympic to go in at the break with a 2-1 lead.

The second half was an even affair. Marconi tried hard to take the game into extra time but despite positive build-ups and good opportunities, the scoreline remained unchanged.

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Cannibalism rife among coaches

We do have some problems in soccer. Many of them are self-inflicted.

One is the apparent total lack of ethics among the so-called coaching fraternity.

Like vultures gilding over likely victims in the jungle, some coaches begin their positioning for the new season around this time of the year.

They often are seen at the matches of teams struggling, neatly dressed aliens with that available look on their faces — sneaking, solicitously, various officials as if to say,

"I am around, I'm keen, make me an offer — I can turn this mob into a Bayern Munich in three months."

Even worse are those who brashly contact clubs offering their services for next season — to clubs who still have a coach.

Doug Collins, Marconi's supremo, is bitter about the scramble that was going on, behind his back, for his post.

A lot of the three coaches who applied for my job — and I was still the Marconi coach. One of the applicants coaches another Sydney NSL club, yet he had the check to offer himself.

"And they did this when they knew that Marconi was still in the Cup and we had to concentrate on football."

"I would never apply for a position when a man is still in charge. But here, in Australia, anything goes."

Rale Basic is equally cheeze off with the junglefests of his chosen profession.

"Weeks before I got the sack, I heard rumors that South Melbourne was negotiating with Len McKendry."

"I wouldn't believe it; I said it's just idle Greek gossip. Then it happened, they fired me and Len was appointed, under strong pressure from some players."

Oddly enough, Les Scheinfug was named as the next Marconi coach — with one round to go.

The oddity lies in the fact that Len is still the fulltime national coach and won't know for sure whether the ASF will retain him or not, until November 5.

If they do — will Marconi recall Collins?

Scheinfug did very well with Marconi during his last stint there: in 1980 they even won the National (Philips) Cup.

Then, for reasons never explained, he failed to have his contract renewed. Now, equally mysteriously, he's back in favor.

Meanwhile, there is wild speculation about the next assignment of Rale Basic, while Attila Aboni has left Canberra to join Croatia.

Then what about APIA and Olympic? Despite all sorts of assurance by club officials, rank and file members openly discuss the possibility of Fil Bottalico and Manfred Schaefer being replaced.

Will Basic go to APIA?

* * *

Meanwhile, on November 14 we will know who is elected as Coach of the Year by the pressmen.

This time last year I said in a story in "Soccer Action" that Frank Arok would gain this honor — and he did, narrowly beating Eddie Thomson.

Frankly, I cannot see anybody dethroning Arok who should repeat his 1983 triumph.

He not only brought immense stability to St George Budapest — which late 1981 was contemplating a disbanding of pro soccer — but produced one of the most successful teams in the NSL with-

THE ANDREW DETTRE COLUMN



Eddie Thomson — overcame enormous problems

out adding a single senior player to his squad in 1984!

In fact, he shed quite a few: Lajos Koritar, Les Lorinc, Dave Rylands, Denis Duarte, Billy Griffiths and John Davies, replacing them with raw youngsters.

Once again, Eddie Thomson should run a big race for the award: this season he worked under extreme difficulties yet kept his team near the top.

As late as January Sydney Hakoah was an unlikely starter in the League, due to the mother club Hakoah's decision to withdraw its financial support.

Last year he finished the season brilliantly with Olympic — then had to move over for Docherty. Now he succeeded again with the young Hakoah; Gokovic is sure to be noticed one day by a major club.

Then the decision was reversed — and the team began its campaign against a backdrop of doom and gloom.

To make matters worse, it lost Patkias, Spanos and then Mitchell.

Peter Ollerton will have some supporters too, for having moulded Preston Makedonia into a top outfit, not to mention Ken Kaiser, who, with very limited financial resources, built a successful Newcastle.

Len McKendry did remarkably well with South Melbourne Hellas — but spent less than half the season with the club while Doug Collins laid the foundations for a new-look Marconi and certainly deserves credit for that.

The others performed with fluctuating fortunes — and this is probably the kindest thing one can say about them.

For the record, one more name that should be mentioned: Lubo Gokovic whose Sydney Hakoah kids ran away with the Youth League title in NSW.

"All of the players contributed \$400 each towards the fares to San Diego and helped raise the remainder of the money after being told the visit could not be financed by the club," said coach Ken Kaiser.

Newcastle United players could earn their biggest-ever bonus during a short tour of the United States and Alaska.

The team left last week to take part in a four-team indoor championship at San Diego and then flies to Anchorage, Alaska, for two exhibition matches.

Prizemoney for the indoor tournament ranges from first prize of \$25,000 to \$10,000 for fourth place and a guarantee of \$10,000 has been confirmed for the Alaskan games.

"All of the players contributed \$400 each towards the fares to San Diego and helped raise the remainder of the money after being told the visit could not be financed by the club," said coach Ken Kaiser.

KB goes for \$35,000

"Their outlay will be covered by fourth prizemoney from San Diego and with the Alaskan money they stand to earn at least \$500. The tour has nothing to do with the club but the directors gave us permission to negotiate with the Americans."

Newcastle will be matched against the North American indoor champions, San Diego Sockers, another strong indoor team, the Golden Bay Earthquakes and the Swedish indoor champions Haaken.

"We could provide the Americans with a surprise when we play. Although

the team doesn't compete in an indoor competition some of the players have been quite brilliant in training at the University of Newcastle over the past three weeks," said Kaiser.

"Joe Senkalski and David Lowe have quickly picked up the skill while Peter Burke has played indoor in England. If we can pull off the big one it will be a fitting reward for the players."

"At the beginning of the season we were never tipped to run anywhere and finishing fifth in the National League reflects great credit on the players."

ers. They will share whatever we win on this tour."

"It will be extremely cold in Anchorage but there has been a lot of publicity about the exhibitions and they should attract a good crowd," said Kaiser.

"The invitation was extended to Newcastle after the Alaskan organiser read about the exhibition and the San Diego games were going to be shown on cable television."

The Alaskan organiser has guaranteed to pay airfares and accommodation expenses to San Diego to Anchorage from San Diego as well as the exhibition fee.

Kaiser added that on return, Newcastle planned to enter a youth and senior team in the University of Newcastle indoor tournament which is played during the summer.



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Front: J. Liakopoulos, J. Tsolakis, A. Xanthopoulos, J. Voulgaris, J. Soumalidis, A. Terzakis, P. Petridis.

Inset, from left: N. Malatis, A. Amanatidis, N. Apostolidis.

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Hellas goalkeeper Peter Laumets plucks the ball from the head of Gary Phillips (Olympic).

Joe Watson of Sydney Hakoah equalled the record held by West Adelaide Hellas goalkeeper Martyn Crook in being named in "Soccer Action's" Team of the Year for the fifth team in seven years.

Crook was named in the team in successive years from 1977 to 1981.

Watson made it in 1977, '80, '81, '82 and '83.

Next with four appearances is Jim Hermiton, who played for Brisbane City and Brisbane Lions.

The Team of the Year appears on pages 8 and 9.

Below are all best player votes gained in the Boral Bricks "Soccer Action" Player of the Year award, won by Phil O'Connor of Wellington.

Winner of the Boral Bricks top scorer award was Doug Brown of SM-Hellas.

Preston Makedonia, which led the league for much of the season, until St George took the title in the last round, polled the most votes in the Boral Bricks award.

Makedonia had a total of 363.

Total for other clubs:

APIA-LEICHHARDT	357
SOUTH MELBOURNE	340
HELLAS	340
SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH	339
NEWCASTLE KB UTD	336
MARCONI	335
ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST	324

ADELAIDE CITY	
JUVENTUS	320
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	311
HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER	309
ALEXANDER	309
CANBERRA ARROWS	305
FOOTSCRAY JUST	300
WOLLONGONG	290
BRISBANE CITY	274
BRISBANE LIONS	270
WEST ADELAIDE	270
HELLAS	249

All the votes and scorers:

ADELAIDE CITY

JUVENTUS

57. Benfield
40. B. Nyskohus
35. Flounders, Melta
32. Villani
22. Blair
18. Mullen, Carter
15. Dods
13. McNally, Maxwell
12. Rankin
5. Cole
3. Wright
1. Miller, Schillabeer
GOALS:
10. Mullen
5. Rankin
4. Carter, Villani, Melta
3. Maxwell
2. Blair, Banfield, Dods
1. B. Nyskohus

APIA-LEICHHARDT

64. P. Tredinnick
58. Bradley
46. Mariani
40. Bertogna
29. Gray
24. Scharmann
19. Butler
18. Morsello
14. Parkes
12. Pullen
9. Woodhouse
8. Carter

SCORERS AND STARS OF '83

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7. Giampaolo
5. Valeri
4. Brown
GOALS:
12. Bradley
8. Morsello
3. P. Tredinnick, Bertogna, Mariani
2. DeCeglie, Gray, Giampaolo, Jones
1. Butler, Valeri, Carter, Pullen, Sharpe
Own goals: B. Nyskohus (Adel.C.)

BRISBANE CITY

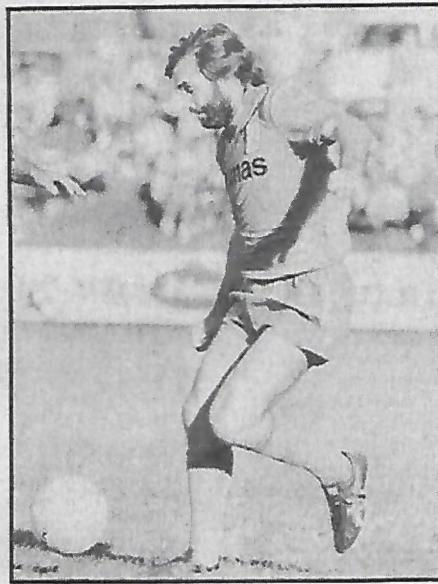
42. Wishart
39. Perry
38. Tokesi
36. Hamilton
35. Liddell
17. Williamson
14. Fabrizio
12. Wilkinson
11. Pimblett
8. Cairney
6. Glockner, Falco
4. Kowtan
3. Hughes
2. Dunlop
1. Bromfield
GOALS:
7. Hamilton
3. Tokesi, Glockner, Williamson, Falco
2. Cairney, Bromfield, Wilkinson, Hughes
1. Fabrizio, Liddell
Own goals: Willis (Woll.), Mountford (Newc.), McMillan (Mak.), Hummell (Can.).

BRISBANE LIONS

54. Wright
40. R. Stewart
38. Niven
34. Hunter
27. J. Stewart
17. Vincent (+5 with H'berg)
14. Lownds
11. Hogg
10. Kelso
8. Beves
5. Anderson
4. Sime
3. Vasquez
2. Ogden, Daunt
1. McClurg
GOALS:
10. Wright
7. Daunt
5. Niven
2. J. Stewart, Hogg, Hunter, R. Stewart
1. Kearton, McSkimming
Own Goal: Tutill (JUST)

CANBERRA ARROWS

53. Farina
50. Bryant
46. T. Byrne
42. Hoszowski
35. Gibson
16. Murray
15. Cole
11. Christopoulos
10. Ambrosino
7. Walsh
4. Hummell
3. Redmond, Young



George Best — gained no votes, scored no goals during his guest stint with Brisbane Lions.

2. G. Byrne, Brennan	2. Macleod
1. Moutsopoulos, Stone, MacLaren	1. Purdie, O'Donnell
GOALS:	
8. Bryant	83. Yankos
7. Farina, Gibson	42. Lea
5. T. Byrne	32. Tansey
4. Redmond	24. Spanos
3. Maclaren, Brennan, Cole	23. McKie
2. Perinovic, Walsh, Christopoulos	20. Selemidis
HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER	
55. Kyriakouleas	19. Macleod, Oliver
44. Carroll	15. Campbell
36. McDowell	11. Patterson
34. Boland	6. Valentine, Cole
30. Belic	5. Vincent (+17 at Brisb. Lions)
24. Paton	11. Lea
21. Tutil	8. Campbell
12. O'Donnell	7. Cole
9. Lujic	4. Valentine
5. Karic	2. Selemidis
4. Purdie	1. Patterson, Taylor, Vincent, Tansey, Macleod, Yankos.
3. Simic	
1. Taylor	
11. Paton	
4. Lujic	
3. Carroll, Belic	

FOOTSCRAY JUST
55. Kyriakouleas
44. Carroll
36. McDowell
34. Boland
30. Belic
24. Paton
21. Tutil
12. O'Donnell
9. Lujic
5. Karic
4. Purdie
3. Simic
1. Taylor
11. Paton
4. Lujic
3. Carroll, Belic

MARCONI

62. Henderson
54. Sermanni



Charlie Yankos (right) scores an own goal in deflecting a shot by Hellas' Doug Brown (second from left) into the net. Ian McKie (left) tries in vain to stop it on the line. In the background, seated, is Jim Tansey.

35. McCulloch
33. Djordjevic
24. Brown, Jankovics
21. Bozanic
16. Budini
14. Winn, Rizzotto
13. James
8. Licata
6. Calderan
4. Hunter, Carbone
3. Maher
GOALS:
10. Brown
6. Jankovics
5. Bozanic, Winn
3. Sermanni, Licata
2. McCulloch, Carbone, Djordjevic
Own goals: Vardareff (Woll.), M. O'Shea (St. G.)



Mike Petersen (Heidelberg)

Own goals: Yankos (H'berg), Petrovski (Mak.), Jones (Mak.).

NEWCASTLE KB UNITED

53. Lowe
52. Burke
41. Watson
36. Senkalski
30. Mason
28. Gosling
27. H. Tredinnick
17. Jones
14. Mountford
13. Lee
9. Boogaardt
8. Cowburn
5. Maier
3. Channon
GOALS:
10. Lowe
8. Mountford
5. Jones, Mason
4. Senkalski, Burke
2. Cowburn
1. Caban, Kirby, Brandt, Boogaardt, Lee
Own goal: Wilkinson (Brisb. C.)

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH

61. Watson
39. Robertson
32. O'Connor
30. Kay
25. Gomez, Kosmina
22. Barnes
20. Pezzano
18. Souness
15. Cant
11. Bruce
10. Mullen, Boden
9. Murray
6. Mitchell
5. Clarke
1. deMargigny
GOALS:
15. Kosmina
7. Gomez
5. Boden
4. Mitchell
3. Souness, Murray
2. Barnes, Kay, deMargigny, Watson
1. Borges, Mullen, O'Connor

PRESTON MAKEDONIA

67. Odzakov
49. Jones
46. McMillan
38. Lucchesi
34. Campbell
23. Ollerton
21. Flavell
20. Opasini
19. Wilson
18. Ward
14. Todorovski
8. Petrovski
6. Iloski
5. Odzakov
3. Campbell
2. Iloski
1. Farrell
Own goal: Barnes (Syd. C.), Kelso (Brisb. L.).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

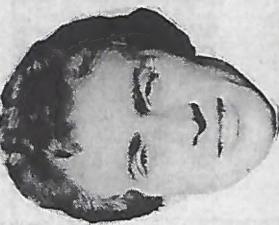
43. Patikas
37. Katholos
34. Soper
33. Jennings
30. Paterson
25. Herbert, Dakos
22. Meier
20. Phillips
18. Raskopoulos
10. Rogers
9. Coady
6. Patalis
2. Koussas
1. Kalantzis
GOALS:
15. Soper
7. Katholos
5. Paterson
3. Patikas
2. Dakos, Phillips, Patalis
1. Coady, Koussas, Raskopoulos

ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST

68. Ratcliffe
55. Skeen
47. Greedy
38. Marton
26. Stone
23. Slater
17. Barton
16. M. O'Shea
14. J. O'Shea
12. R. O'Shea
5. Biscaya
3. Wilkinson
GOALS:
10. Marton
9. Slater, Wilkinson
7. Barton
3. Petkovski
2. Skeen
1. K. Wilson, J. O'Shea, R. O'Shea, Ratcliffe.
Own goals: Odzakov (Mak.), Xanthopoulos (SM-Hellas), Hughes (Brisb. L.).

WEST ADEL HELLAS

54. Heys
43. Honeyman
29. Dunn
27. Sproul
15. Crook
12. McGregor
11. Amey
10. Doorne, McGachey
9. Brennan
8. Atsalas
6. Hiern, Papazoglou
4. Wormley
3. Panagis
2. Konstandopoulos
GOALS:
5. Atsalas
4. Brown
3. Heys
2. Amey, Wormley, Dunn, Brennan, Honeyman
1. Manou, Panagis, Konstandopoulos



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TEAM OF THE YEAR

This is our 1983 Team of the Year, based on votes gained in the Boral Bricks — "Soccer Action" Player of the Year award. Runners-up in each position also are shown.



Last year's team of the year:

Steve POTTER (Prest. Makedonia)	Charlie YANKOS (Head. Alexander)
Aro BERTOGNA (Wellington)	Jim HERMISTON (British Lions)
John BRADLEY (APIA)	Peter KATHOLOS (Syd. Olympic)
Joe WATSON (Syd.C. Hakohi)	Dez MARTON (St. George Budapest)
Bobby RUSSELL (SM-Hellas)	Zoran ILIOSKI (Footsc JUST)
John BRADLEY (APIA)	Phil O'CONNOR (Wollongong)

1981 team of the year: Clark (W Adel Hellas) — McMillan (Head Adel), Hermitson (British Lions), Wilson (APIA), B. Neukhus (Ad.C.Juve), I. Sniadzki (Neve), Stoumas (Syd.C.Hak), Katholos (SydDlymp) — Weston (Syd.C.Hak), Evans (SM-Hellas), Mitchell (Ad.C.Juve).
 1980 team of the year: Clark (W Adel Hellas) — V. Barlow (SM-Hellas), Hermitson (British Lions), Milivojevic (Can), Tansy (Head Adel) — D. Cole (Can), J. Campbell (Head Adel), James (Syd.C.Hak) — Weston (Syd.C.Hak), G. Campbell (SM-Hellas).
 1979 team of the year: Clark (W Adel Hellas) — Perry (British C), Pitskale (Merl), G. Potter (British C), Curran (Neve) — J. Campbell (Head Adel), Rooney (Head Adel), Jeannette (Merl) — B. Narkubas (Ad.C.Juve), Perry (British C), Kamens (W Adel Hellas), Begay (Merl) — Boys (W Adel Hellas), McGroarty (W Adel Hellas), Vieri (Merl) — Piv (SM-Hellas) Hermitson (British C), Wilson (W Adel Hellas) — Richards (Merl), Barnes (Syd.C.Hak), Rooney (Merl) — Weston (Syd.C.Hak), Smith (Syd.C.Hak), Bjelopic (Head Adel).



67. Alan DAVIDSON
(South Melbourne Hellas)

68. David RATCLIFFE
(St. George Budapest)

69. Michael HANLON (Merl)
70. Tony HANLON (Merl)

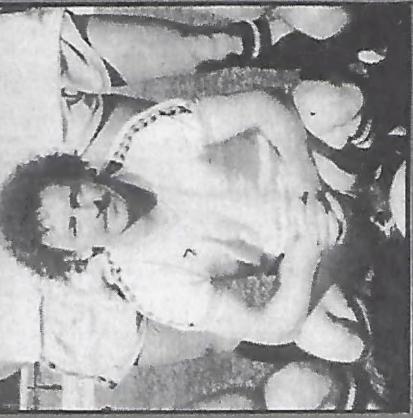
71. Charlie YANKOS
(H'berg Alexander)

72. David SKEEN
(St. George Budapest)

73. Michael HANLON (Merl)
74. Tony HANLON (Merl)



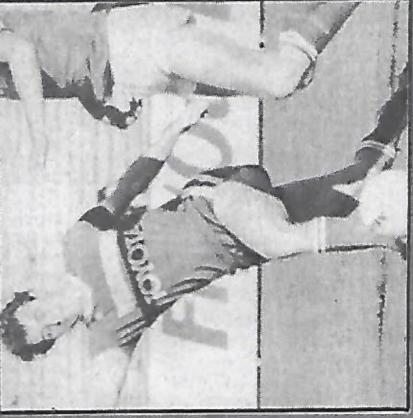
64. Peter TREDINICK
(APIA)
50. Steve Bryant (Canberra)
43. Graeme Horsman (West Adel. Hellas)



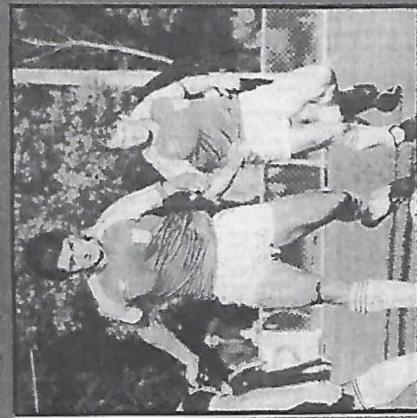
58. John BRADLEY
(APIA)
54. Graham Heys (West Adel. Hellas)
42. Derek Lee (Hobart Alexander)



67. Zarko ODZAKOV
(Preston Makedonia)
54. Tommy Sermani (Marconi)
38. Carl Halford (St Kilda. Hellas)



85. Phil O'CONNOR
(Wollongong)
54. Garry Wright (Brisbane Lions)
53. David Lowe (Newcastle KB Utd)



55. Oscar CRINO
(South Melbourne Hellas)
46. George McMillan (Prest. Makedonia)
43. Jim Petkas (Sydney Olympic)



61. Joe WATSON
(Sydney City Hakoah)
53. Frank Faina (Canberra)
44. Joe Carroll (Footscray JUST)



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Julio Cesar Romero — off to Atletico Madrid?

New York Cosmos crumbling

From ALEX YANNIS

The elimination of the Cosmos from the North American Soccer League playoffs in Montreal prompted coach Julio Mazzei to repeat that the league's most glamorous team was getting older and needed a facelift.

"We're an older team, we can't keep going," Mazzei said after the 1-0 loss to the Manic. "We must make some changes. When some

of the players finish, we'll be in trouble."

Mazzei's job may be in jeopardy, but when asked whether he felt insecure, he said: "I don't think so. I think my position is solid. But I work for a company that doesn't accept excuses."

"To start with, we need at least three players. We need a defender, a midfielder and a forward."

With an average age of 27.5, the Cosmos are the oldest team in the league except for the Fort Lauderdale Strikers (28.0). Like the Cosmos, the Strikers were better in their quarterfinal against Tulsa.

Last year, shortly after the Cosmos had won their fourth title in six years, Mazzei also asked the board to improve the team by adding three players. But his request was unanswered.

"I have no regrets about this season," he said, "because they didn't give me the three players I wanted. The board had other priorities. I can understand that. But I think I worked hard with the material I had."

The Cosmos not only were reluctant to spend as freely on players as in the past, but also cut back in other areas. However, the signing last week of Roberto Cabanas, the league's leading scorer, to a multiyear contract for \$200,000 a year, might have indicated that the club was willing to do more.

"We can become champions again as early as next year," Mazzei said. "We finished in first place in the regular season."

Mazzei hopes to fill will be those left by the retirement of the star forward Giorgio Chinaglia and the imminent departure of Julio Cesar Romero. The midfielder says he wants to play at a more competitive level than the NASL, and reaffirmed that he was "definitely leaving." He will most likely end up with Atletico Madrid.

Franz Beckenbauer indicated in much stronger terms than before that he would like to return, but if for any reason he does not, the Cosmos may need more than one defender.

They start a tour this month with a game in Rome against Lazio, which will be Chinaglia's farewell. He said he would play about 70 minutes for the Cosmos and "a couple of minutes" for Lazio, which he has purchased.

The tour includes games in west Africa.

Beckenbauer will play in Chinaglia's farewell game, and in two or three other games on the tour. He said the Cosmos had several good players, but agreed with Mazzei that "some changes must be made."

Franz Beckenbauer.

Hungary and Germany win

Unfancied Hungary threw the outcome of Group Three of the European Championship into confusion by beating hot favorite Denmark in the Nep stadium, Budapest.

Sandor Kiss scored the surprise winner in the 55th minute, before and after the Danes squandered countless goal-scoring chances.

Denmark, which had won five and drawn one of its previous ties, must now win in Greece next month to be sure of qualifying for the finals in France next summer.

But England, which plays Luxembourg away from home on the same night, suddenly finds itself in the role of favorite. It will undoubtedly beat Luxembourg while the nervous Danes, who lead the section by one point, are by means certain of winning in Athens.

Group three standings:

Denmark.....	7 5 1 15 5 11
England.....	7 4 2 18 10 16
Hungary.....	6 0 0 10 6 8
Greece.....	5 2 1 2 8 5
Luxembourg.....	6 0 0 6 3 1 0
Remaining fixtures: Nov 18 - Greece v Denmark and Luxembourg v England. Dec 3 - Greece v Hungary. Dec 14 - Greece v Luxembourg.	

Meanwhile West Germany beat Turkey 5-1 (halftime 1-0) in a European championship Group Six qualifying game in West Berlin.

Scores: West Germany - Voller (64 min), 63, K-H Rummenigge (60, 74, pen), Selska (68), Turkey - Hanno (67).

Attendance: 33,000.

GROUP SIX TABLE

West Germany..... 8 4 1 13 3 9

Austria..... 7 4 1 2 14 7 9

Netherlands..... 7 4 2 7 5 9

Turkey..... 7 2 4 1 5 10 5

To be played:

18/11/86: W. Germany vs Northern Ireland

19/11/86: Turkey vs Austria

Germany vs Albania.

WARK, MARINER QUIT BECAUSE \$81,500 WAGE IS NOT ENOUGH

From BRUCE WADDELL

John Wark and Paul Mariner of Ipswich Town have not won many friends by asking for transfers last week, claiming they do not earn enough money.

The two have announced they want to leave because the club will not increase their yearly wage of \$81,500.

The average wage in Britain is around \$14,000 a year.

Wark explained why he thought his \$1600 weekly pay packet was not enough.

He said a professional footballer had a duty to his wife and children to earn as much as he could from football as quickly as he could.

"I realize the average man in the street earns only a fraction of my wages and he may well feel it's justified to call me greedy," he said.

"But I hope he appreciates that football is such a short life. I have no qualifications.

I left school as early as I could, and when I retire I have no idea what I'll do.

"I am 26 now and have probably another eight or nine years left, but I could be put out of the game tomorrow by a serious injury," Wark said.

Ipswich has never been renowned as a big-spending club and Wark and Mariner realize they still earn a lot less than some of the top players from clubs like Liverpool, Manchester United, Arsenal and Spurs.

United's England captain Bryan Robson, Spurs' Glenn Hoddle, and Arsenal pair Tony Woodcock and Charlie Nicholas are thought to be earning more than \$200 a week.

The top dog in the money stakes is former England captain Kevin Keegan, who is earning an estimated \$4900 with second division Newcastle United.

The dissatisfied Mariner is no doubt concerned that although he is keeping Woodcock out of the England team at the moment, he is earning the half the Arsenal striker's salary.

Wark continued: "Players of the same ability as we are earning a lot more money. In comparison with some of the United and Liverpool players, we are poorly paid."

"I've had reasonably good wages since I became a professional but for two years as an apprentice I received very little. My first wage packet contained 7.40 stg. (\$12)."

Wark said he realized it was a common belief that players were overpaid and were ruining clubs financially.

"But clubs pay players what they can afford. I appreciate Ipswich's position but I have got to look after myself," he said.

As Ipswich already has announced it will not increase the wages of the two key players, it looks certain both will soon move on to other clubs.

But are there many that could afford them?



Joao Alves and his black gloves.

JOAO ALVES - MAN IN THE BLACK GLOVES

By PAUL MOON

Joao Alves would have grabbed the soccer world's attention anyway through midfield craft and elegance, but his insistence upon wearing black gloves assured that he stood out on the pitch.

The habit was inherited from his uncle — also an international.

Discarded by Benfica as a teenager, he joined Boavista, and it was with his current club that Alves first proved himself a player of exceptional ability.

Boavista though was then only a stepping stone for ambitious players and Salamanca paid a large transfer fee to introduce him into Spanish League football.

Only a year was spent over the border though, before Benfica, realizing its earlier mistake, brought Alves back to Lisbon.

After another single season, he was on the move again — to Paris St. Germain for a million dollars.

Unfortunately he broke a leg, suffered in his third French League game, and homesickness, marred the Portuguese linkman's stay, which lasted less than one campaign.

Benfica returned PSG's million dollars in order to buy Alves back and he subsequently did much to maintain the "Eagles" status as Portugal's top dogs and restore them as a power in Europe.

These overseas excursions have limited his

international career, yet he is quickly nearing his 50th cap.

It appeared likely that another trip outside of Portugal was likely earlier this year when Athletico Madrid, Roma and Udinese were all reported to have made bids for his services, however it was Boavista that eventually signed for.

Presently in the shadow of powerful neighbors FC Porto, Boavista have only in recent years become a force in Portuguese soccer.

Never appearing likely to break the Benfica-Sporting-FC Porto stranglehold on the league, Boavista have nonetheless proved themselves worthy fighters in the Portuguese Cup.

Three times — 1975, 1976 and 1979, they lifted the trophy.

In the European Cup Winners' Cup and UEFA Cup, both of which have been entered three times, however Boavista found success elusive.



From JIM COOK
our European correspondent

Michael Laudrup
Reports say that Dutch star Johnny Rep who quit French side St Etienne to come home to PEC Zwolle is being hounded by the taxman in France. The French Inland Revenue evidently sold his home in Sorbiers for \$80,000 to meet some of his debts.

Michael Laudrup, the 18-year-old Danish sensation who has scored nine goals in his six internationals, could force Michel Platini or Zbigniew Boniek away from Juventus at the end of the season. Laudrup, presently on loan to Lazio, is expected to rejoin Juventus next season and with that two-foreigners limit in Italian soccer the Frenchman or the Pole must go.

Colin McStay says it won't lose star Paul McStay, 19, like it did Charlie Nicholas. McStay has just signed a five-year contract, as has colleague Roy Aitken, 25.

The once famous Charlton, which had a winding-up order brought against it in court recently by former chairman Mike Gilkison who reckons the club owes him \$1 million but has until Nov. 7 to sort itself out.

Brazilian midfield star Cerezo quickly endeared himself to the Roma fans — especially the ladies. Frequently at the club's training sessions he autographs a belt, then gifts it to a supporter — usually a pretty signora.

Jean-Marie Pfaff, the Belgian national team keeper who plays for Borussia Mönchengladbach, got over 500 fan letters every day and before his club games hands out over 2000 signed photos of himself. He is so popular in Germany that a top magazine there quotes him as being the only world class foreigner in the Bundesliga.

FIFTH EUROPEAN
CHAMPIONSHIP 1974-76

Group One

England — Wales 3-0, 1-2.
England — Portugal 0-0, 1-1.
England — Cyprus 5-0, 1-0.
Croatia — Poland 1-0, 1-1.
Portugal — Cyprus 1-0, 2-0.
Cyprus — Czechoslovakia 0-3, 0-4.
Qualified: Czechoslovakia.

Group Two

Austria — Wales 2-1, 0-1.
Austria — Hungary 0-0, 1-2.
Austria Luxembourg 6-2, 2-1.
Luxembourg — Wales 1-3, 0-5.
Wales — Hungary 2-0, 2-1.
Hungary — Luxembourg 8-1,
4-2.
Qualified: Wales.

Group Three

Yugoslavia — Norway 3-1, 3-1.
Yugoslavia — Sweden 3-0, 1-1.
Norway — N. Ireland 1-0, 0-1.
Norway — Sweden 0-2, 1-3.
Sweden — N. Ireland 0-2, 2-1.
N. Ireland — Norway 3-0, 1-2.
Qualified: Yugoslavia.

Group Four

Denmark — Spain 1-2, 0-2.
Scotland — Spain 1-2, 1-1.
Spain — Rumunia 1-1, 1-1.
Scotland — Rumunia 1-1, 1-1.
Rumunia — Denmark 6-1, 0-0.
Denmark — Scotland 0-1, 1-3.
Qualified: Spain.

Group Five

Finland — Holland 1-3, 1-4.
Holland — Portugal 0-0, 1-1.
Poland — Holland 4-1, 0-3.
Poland — Italy 0-0, 0-0.
Finland — Finland 3-0, 2-1.
Finland — Italy 0-1, 0-0.
Qualified: Holland.

Group Six

Eire — USSR 3-0, 1-2.
USSR — Turkey 3-0, 0-1.
Switzerland — USSR 0-1, 1-4.
Turkey — Switzerland 1-0, 1-2.
Eire — Eire 1-1, 0-4.
Switzerland — Turkey 1-1, 1-2.
Qualified: Russia.

Group Seven

Iceland — Belgium 0-2, 0-1.
Belgium — France 2-1, 0-0.
Belgium — E. Germany 1-2, 0-0.
France — E. Germany 2-2, 1-2.
E. Germany — Iceland 1-1, 1-2.
Iceland — France 0-0, 0-3.
Qualified: Belgium.

Group Eight

Greece — W. Germany 2-2, 1-1.
Malta — Greece 2-0, 0-4.
Bulgaria — Greece 3-3, 1-2.
Malta — W. Germany 0-1, 0-8.
Switzerland — USSR 0-1, 1-4.
W. Germany — Bulgaria 1-0, 1-10.
Bulgaria — Malta 5-0, 2-0.
Qualified: W. Germany.

Quarter-finals

Spain — W. Germany 1-1, 0-2.
Yugoslavia — Wales 2-0, 1-1.
Holland — Belgium 5-0, 2-1.
Czechoslovakia — Russia 2-0, 2-2.

Semi-finals

Czechoslovakia — Holland 3-1.
Yugoslavia — W. Germany 2-4.

Match for Third Place

Yugoslavia — Holland 2-3.

Final — National Stadium, Belgrade — June 20, 1976 — 50,000.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA — WEST GERMANY
2-2 (2-1) after extra time. (Svenn-
lik, Dobias, D. Mueller, Holz-
zebenberg).

CZECHOSLOVAKIA: Viktor, Dobias (Vose-
ly), Pivarnik, Ondrus, Cekopic, Gogh, Modren, Panenka, Svetlik (Jurekovic), Manay, Nehoda.

WEST GERMANY: Maier, Vogts, Beckenbauer, Schwarzenbeck, Dietz, Bonhof, Winner (Fohrel), D. Mueller, Beer (Bongartz), Heineken, Hoelzenbecker.

Referee: Gonella (Italy).
Czechoslovakia won 5-3 on penalties.



SOCER AROUND THE WORLD

Germans' golden era ended by Czech penalties

The resounding popularity achieved by West Germany and Holland in the 1974 World Cup confirmed once and for all the key to success in modern football lay in the physical interpretation of the game.

PHILIP MICALLEF continues the history of the European Championship

While the teams from northern Europe moved ahead with their powerful and multi-purpose game, teams like Argentina, Brazil, Italy and Uruguay, traditional exponents of the so-called "artistic" game, fared badly.

And when the fifth Eu-

ropean Championship kicked off in late 1974, the continent's fans wanted to see whether the big wins recorded by the Germans, Dutch, Poles and Hungarians were actually a flash in the pan or the continuation of a trend initiated four earlier by that great West German national team and the super club team from Holland — Ajax Amsterdam.

Holland and Poland were unfortunately drawn together in Group Five along with Italy.

The superb skills of Johanna Cruyff, Ruud Krol and Wim van Hanegem showed the Dutch faring on good difference but the Italians, with many young players in the side after the '74 fiasco, missed out after losing a point at home to unrated Finland!

Czechoslovakia, with finally a decent team after years of humiliating defeats, recovered from an exaggerated 3-0 loss to England at Wembley to beat Portugal 5-0 and turn the tables on England, winning 2-1 in Bratislava.

England lost further ground by drawing 0-0 with Portugal at Wembley.

Old rivals and neighbors, Austria and Hungary, were set for yet another classic confrontation in Group Two for a place in the quarter-finals.

But tiny Wales came out of nowhere to beat first the Magyars in Budapest and then the Austrians in Cardiff to qualify with merit.

Yugoslavia did not find its Group Three companions easy to beat.

After losing to Northern Ireland in Belfast, the Slavs had to beat Sweden both at home and away to make the "quarters."

Group Four opened with a controversy over Spain's Argentinian-born striker Roberto Martinez, who later was banned from representing Spain.

But after beating Scotland 2-1 at Hampden, the Spaniards had to cruise through the group matches and qualify easily.

They provided a major shock by beating the USSR 3-0 in the opening Group Six match in Dublin. This shock defeat prompted the Soviet authorities to pin their hopes of qualifying on the successful club side Dinamo Kiev.

This "on team block" system paid off because the Soviets quickly became a transformed side and won four games on the trot to reach the quarter-finalists, star striker Oleg Blokhin.

Bulgaria survived an unexpected loss to East Germany to top Group Seven after taking three points from the French.

West Germany, world and European champion, had no difficulty winning Group Eight, especially after tiny Malta had a major upset by beating Greece 2-1 at home.

The quarter-finals were played on home and away basis and a superb goal from striker Zbigniew Boniek earned the Cup holders a priceless 1-1 draw in Madrid against Spain.

On German soil, Beckenbauer and Co. beat the Spaniards 2-0 to qualify for the semi-final phase which was to take place in Yugoslavia.

The Slavs had a good record in the competition, but were suffering a terrible ordeal in Cardiff.

After winning the first leg 2-0 in Belgrade, the Slavs were under heavy pressure from Wales in the second leg at Ninian Park.

In the second half, with Yugoslavia leading 1-0, Slav goalkeeper Maric was pelted with hard objects by enraged Welsh fans and play was held up for several minutes.

Wales eventually scored an equalising goal but the stadium was banned for three years by UEFA.

Holland hit its best form in crushing neighbouring rival Belgium 5-0 at home and confirmed its potential by winning away.

In an "all Communist" quarter-final, Czechoslovakia beat USSR 2-0 at home and snatched a 2-2 draw in Moscow to make up the final quarter.

The four matches in Yugoslavia provided some of the best football seen in Europe for a decade.

The clever Czechs, guided by the brilliant Marian Masnik, defeated Cruyff-less Holland in Zagreb's Dinamo Stadium 3-1 after extra time.

At normal time the score stood at 1-1 and, with Pollack sent off, things were not looking good for Czechoslovakia. But ace striker Nehoda and midfielder Vesely scored twice in quick breaks to send the Dutch packing.

Later in the evening in Belgrade, Yugoslavia poised to recover its best win in many years. The fast Popivoda and the experienced Djordjevic scored twice to put Yugoslavia in a commanding 2-0 lead at half-time.

But the Germans showing their characteristic never-say-die spirit, had other ideas and a goal by substitute Dieter Mueller put them back into the game.

The Cologne forward went on to snatch a glorious hat-trick to enable West Germany to win 4-2 after extra time.

In the match for third place Holland beat Yugoslavia 3-2 after extra time. In another attractive clash played in Zagreb, blond striker Geels scored twice for Holland.

The final in Belgrade was a classic Suhel and Dobias gave the Czechs a 2-0 lead at half-time but before half-time Dieter Mueller pulled one back for West Germany.

In the second half the Germans attacked without respite but Czechoslovakia, with defender Ondrus in tow, held firm.

With time running out fast, winger Hoelzenbecker snatched a dramatic equalizer, sending this fine match into extra time, which provided no further goals.

The title was decided by a penalty shoot-out, which Czechoslovakia won 5-3.

It was not the most convincing way to an international competition but the Czechs, after that unfortunate qualifying match in London, came back strongly and finished the competition as the best team.

For West Germany, it was a sad loss but it was clear all through the tournament the sparkle and genius of the 1972 and 1974 editions were disappearing. A golden era was about to end.

Olympic final sold out

ALL 103,000 tickets for the 1984 Olympic soccer final in the Los Angeles Rose Bowl on August 11 have been sold.

Half a million seats have been sold for the whole tournament.

A special FIEA committee also found that there should be no difficulty in organizing an under-20 world tournament since, with the exception of Africa, the idea was already established within most federations.

It was suggested the finals should comprise 16 teams meeting for the first time in 1985, probably in China.



Czech coach Jezek is tossed into the air by jubilant players after the final win over West Germany in Belgrade. The Czechs won 5-3 on penalties.

Lech Poznan's title, thanks to Kupcewicz, Bak, Okonski

Jacek Bak and Janusz Kupcewicz.

It's Kupcewicz who is the best-known Lech player, both to the fans in Poland and to those abroad. His national team chances were restricted for years before with the midfield dominance of Kazimierz Bielecki. Kupcewicz has been a national squad fixture since Bielecki's departure. He may not be too quick, but he has an excellent shot, good control and vision of play.

PLAYERS

PIOTR MOWLIK — Goalkeeper. Aged 33. 21 caps. Experienced, sharp reflexes. Product of ROW Rybnik, then played for Unia Raciborow and Legia Warsaw. Came to Lech in 1979.

ZBIGNIEW PLESNIOWICZ — Goalkeeper. 24. Product of Wloclawski Kalisz then Legia Warsaw. Joined Lech a year ago.

HIERONIM BARGZAK — Rick-back, an attacking player. 30/8. Team captain. Played before for Wisla Krakow, Hutnik Krakow, Slask Wroclaw, and since 1977, for Lech.

JOZEF SZEWczyk — Striker. 30/1. Played for Wanda Krakow, Hutnik Krakow, Slask Wroclaw, and since 1977, for Lech.

JANUSZ MALEK — Full-back. 25. Product of Stal Krasnystaw. Hard player.

KRZYSZTOF PAWLAK — Defender. 25. Product of Warta Poznan. Good header.

RAFAŁ STROINSKI — Talceted. 19-year-old who plays in defence or midfield.

easy. The league leadership changed almost every weekend between Ruch, Lech, Pogon and Widzew in the season's closing stages.

Widzew had all their last three games against Cracovia, Gwardia and Zaglebie, scoring 12 goals, but it wasn't enough to overhaul Lech, who became the "Railmen's team".

Lech's success is owed, in large measure, to the work over the past three years of coach Wojciech Lazarek.

Aged 45, Lazarek was originally a player with Start Lodz, LKS and finally for Lechia Gdansk (last season's surprise cup-winners from the third division). After retiring he sat his coaching examinations in Gdansk and then worked with Wloclawski Lodz, Lechia, Gdansk, MRKS Gdansk, Olimpia Elblag, Baltyk Gdynia and Zawisza Bydgoszcz.

He also had short spells studying abroad at Hamburg and Hertha Berlin before taking over at Lech.

His basic team last season was:

Mowlak or Plesniowicz — Pawlak or Stroinski, Szewczyk, Obzryk, Mikolajczak, Adamowicz, Kupcewicz, Adamek, Krzyzanowski, Okonski.

Only two of those players began their football careers with Lech or were born in Poznan. Hieronim Barczak and Rafael Stroinski. The rest were all signed from other clubs. But the key transfer dealing came a year ago when Lech signed Jozef Adamiec,

from Karkonosze. Hard-working player

ANDRZEJ STRUGAREK — Defender. 25. Joined Zielona Gora. Began with Lucznik Szczecinek Krajenskie.

LESZER PARTYNSKI — Utility player. 22. Product of Sandecja, joined Lech from Radom.

JOZEF ADAMIEC — Sweeper or midfield. 29/1. Joined Lech from Odra Opole. Played previously for Unia Koszalin and Malopanews Ozimek. Powerful player with strong shot.

JERZY KRZYZANOWSKI — Midfield. 28. Product of Pogon Szczecin, joined Lech from Bron Radom. Good with free-kicks.

JANUSZ KUPCEWICZ — Midfield. 27/19. Has scored five goals for Poland and got nine for Lech last season. The key man.

JERZY OBLEWSKI — Midfield. 25. Product of Olimpia Kamienna Gora. Joined Lech

from Karkonosze. Hard-working player

JACEK BAK — Right-winger. 21. Quick, good dribbler. Joined Lech in 1982 from Rezovia Rzeszow.

MARIUSZ NIWIDOMSKI — Centre-forward. 24. Good header. Looks like Diego Maradona. Previous clubs: Gwardia Koszalin and Stilon Gorzow.

MIROSLAW OKONSKI — Left-winger. 24/7. Skilled, dribbler, good with long-range shots. League's joint-top scorer last season with 15 goals.

SWANSEA FOR SALE

The entire playing staff of struggling English Second Division soccer club Swansea City have been offered for sale to overcome its financial crisis.

The club's owners have given it a few weeks to raise \$650,000 of which half is expected to be provided by the Swansea board and the other half from transfers.

The sellout means Swansea's top stars, like Bob Latchford, Ian Welsh, Alan Curtis, Jimmy Rimmer, Jeremy Charles, Gary Stanway and Neil Robinson are all on the transfer list.

The club is losing \$16,000 a week and has debts of \$2.4 million. Players' wages will have to be cut by half.

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Leagues cut Rodny out

By TED SIMMONS

The president of the NSW Soccer Federation, Karel Rodny has officially resigned after holding the position for the past seven years.

Acting president Ken Ferguson announced the resignation at a special meeting of Federation clubs which had been called to consider constitutional changes to fit in with next year's National League competition.

"Mr Rodny has been an executive member for 12 years and involved in the game for the past 32 years. He proved his dedication to the NSW Federation and his resignation is a loss to all in soccer," he said.

Karel Rodny was president of two of the greatest club sides to be seen in Sydney — Prague and Hakoah — but has been under a great deal of pressure in recent months.

"There are too many people seeking power and I prefer not to be involved any more," he said today.

The special meeting agreed to change its constitution to enable the National League to take a greater part in its activities.

Two NSL delegates will be automatic members of the State executive which will be expanded from seven to nine and National League clubs will be entitled to three votes each under the new voting structure.

The meeting made two other major changes for next season in deciding to reduce the First and Second division state League competitions to 12 teams each and to have the federation president elected from the floor of the annual general meeting.

The two divisions this year had consisted of 14 teams each and in the past the executive committee had elected its president.

Mr Ferguson said the decisions relating to the National League were dependent on the executive being satisfied by

Daniels stands for council



Preston Macedonia stalwart
Peter Tirpkou, also known by the
business name Peter Daniels, will
stand for Preston Council due to
his concern over the lack of busi-
ness and employment opportuni-
ties in the municipality.

Every day in his work says
Peter, he is aware of the number
of closures of factories and busi-
ness houses due to rising rates
and charges levied by the author-
ities.

Peter, 50, real estate agent,
trading under the business name
Peter Daniels and Co., has been
involved in the City of Preston for
the last 30 years, mainly in the
Central Ward.

Peter Daniels



HOWRAH . . . winner of the Tasmanian Rothmans League Division 1 Cup. From left, back row: Webb (coach), Cornish, Minty, First Aid Official, Conlan, Dzelalije, New (captain), P. Richardson, Manager. Front: Weitnauer, Cooper, Jennings, Williams, Corongiu, Schueler, D. Richardson.



TARROONA-ST MIRREN . . . runner-up in Tasmanian Rothmans League Division 1 and in Rothmans Cup Final. Back: Richards (coach), Lickiss, B. Ross, Harrison, Hanna, Jones, Baker, Taplin, J. Ross (manager). Front: Bishop, Morrison, Davis, C. Ross, Fid-

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IL FAWKNER HA PASSATO L'ESAME

Il Fawkn er ha concluso il suo primo anno nella lega statale con un piazzamento finale di metà classifica che torna a tutto onore della matricola. E le cose avrebbero potuto andare anche meglio se la fortuna avesse favorito un pochettino in più il club di Jukes Road.

La stagione era appena cominciata che Leo Gooney, il classico libero che era il punto di forza dello schieramento difensivo, riportò un grave infortunio al ginocchio e rimané fuori squadra per il resto dell'anno. Senza di lui, Ciro 'Rocky' Trovo' non necessitò di far molto di genio, di stabilire al centro della difesa il lungo Tuffield che era la punta di diamante della linea difensiva attiva.

Bastò questo incidente, e il necessario spostamento di Tuffield dal suo ruolo, per mandare a monte tutti i piani del precampionato. Il Fawkn er aveva infatti cominciato il suo primo anno in lega statale con una grande fiducia nella squadra che aveva brillantemente conquistato la promozione l'anno prima ed intendeva mantenere quasi immutata ad eccezione di qualche piccolo innesco che un po' d'opportunità di mercato avrebbe procurato per poco o niente. Rivedendo per esempio le statistiche del Bronx City avrebbe dovuto aggiungere esperienza e classe ad una prima linea dove i pur brillanti An-

selma e Tuffield erano ancora troppo acerbi per i "volponi" delle difese della lega statale. Purirroppo anche Anselma subì infortuni e venne a mancare per gran parte della prima metà di campionato. Bruno Sabadini, indubbiamente il centrocampista di maggior classe e brio, ebbe anche i suoi turni di riposo.

Il comitato ed i tecnici dovettero così correre ai ripari e cercare di rimediare la situazione con alcuni acquisti quando il mercato era quasi esaurito. Per primo arrivo' Cozzella, che dopo la grande annata avuta con il JUST nel 1981, era rimasto impotente per molto tempo a causa di un infortunio; poi arrivo' Kondarlos, anch'egli dal JUST, ma solo per dimostrare che l'allentatore McLaghlan aveva fatto bene a metterlo in lista di trasferimento: legno e quasi privo di alcuna ambizione, si aggiunse dopo la "retrocessione" in lega statale egli non diede mai l'apporto di determinate che da lui ci si aspettava.

Kojic, che era stato preso per incidenti e, nel caso del Fawkn er di quest'anno, pensiamo che ci sia stata della dubbieggiante anche. La squadra che aveva condotto il campionato dell'anno scorso a tambur battente dalla prima all'ultima giornata del campionato e che meritava un sacrosanto periodo di riposo per recuperare fu gettata invece nella mischia furibonda della Coppa Italia che dal punto di vista dell'usura fisica è più dura del campionato stesso. Conquistata una Coppa Italia che ha solo valore campionistico del resto, il riposo non venne nemmeno perché furono organizzati diversi tornei parallelamente a quelli di lega statale.

Quindi degli acquisti forzati prin-

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Andrea Zani riceve il trofeo per "Most Improved Player" da Lino De Palma, direttore dell'Alitalia, altra ditta sponsorizzatrice.

cipalmente dagli infortuni il solo Cozzella diede una certa soddisfazione mettendo a segno un discreto bottino di reti opportuniste, si rivelò il giovane Palmarecchio che dimostrò le doti di un futuro ottimo centrocampista, ma, ahimè, anche lui finì nella lista degli infortunati e mancò la maggior parte del torneo di ritorno. Sabadini, un uomo di grande esperienza e capacità finì anche per fare molte assenze di determinate che da lui ci si aspettava.

Però bisogna sempre ricordare che non tutti gli infortuni avvengono per incidenti e, nel caso del Fawkn er di quest'anno, pensiamo che ci sia stata della dubbieggiante anche. La squadra che aveva condotto il campionato dell'anno scorso a tambur battente dalla prima all'ultima

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Quindi gli giocatori del Fawkn er hanno subito più' incidenti di quelli di qualsiasi altra squadra della lega statale la colpa non è poi tutta della

Tutto sommato perciò il Fawkn er ha fatto ancora meglio di quello che avrebbe dovuto ed ha passato perciò l'esame del primo anno in lega statale. La ristrutturazione della lega nazionale ha giocato un altro brutto scherzo a tavolino a questo giovane club, che sembra essere un po' come l'immobile duomo di Tuffield e Cozzella, più' di ogni altro. Il punto è stato l'osso di punta della formazione tutto l'anno, sia in attacco che in difesa, grazie alle sue grandi doti ma soprattutto per la sua immensa voglia di far bene, per l'enorme mole di lavoro che si accollava settimanalmente.

C'era stato un periodo di tempo che era apparso abbastanza opaco dopo essere stato spazzato di sotto la neve, ma che poi, nel periodo coincidendo anche con il calo del centrocampo e con l'avver trovato in avanti un nuovo compagno, Cozzella, con il quale non legava, il rientro del suo "genelmo" Anselma verso la fine gli ridiede quella spallata di cui tutti i giocatori in vista hanno sempre bisogno.

Cesare Fattore è stato indubbiamente il giocatore che ha migliorato più' di ogni altro rispetto all'anno precedente. All'inizio dell'anno preavvertiva su di lui delle riserve a causa della limitata esperienza, del fatto che usciva poco a piede e che non era tanto mobile. Invece il ragazzo venuto da Griffith è cresciuto con ogni partita e diede una dimostrazione di assoluto dominio della sua zona difensiva nel secondo incontro contro la Juventus, quando fu indubbiamente il migliore in campo e operò miracoli su miracoli per mantenere intatta la sua rete (il collega Schipano però la buca) con una sfortunata autorete. Cesare è oggi una certezza e indubbiamente continuerà a migliorare.

I due ex nazionali Palinkas e Bozikas, al contrario di Tuffield e Fattore, hanno dimostrato molto poco desiderio di far bene e molta poca inclinazione a lavorare duro costantemente. Peccato, perché di classe ed esperienza ne hanno da vendere. Cavallari, passato al Fawkn er alla Juventus con una grande voglia di riscrivere, sembra essersi perso prima ancora di ritrovarsi. I fratelli Sabadini non hanno avuto un'annata molto felice, anche a causa di infortuni e squilibri ed i vari Terzini, Schipano, Sabadini hanno fatto il loro dovere.

Two recent suggestions received by FIFA HQ. Zurich are that goalkeepers should wear cricket type crash helmets and that a hoover should signal the start of matches. And where else could these suggestions come from than the USA?

Former Adelaide city guest player Justin Fashana was sent off in the local derby between Notts Forest and Notts County when he angrily retaliated against Cloughie's Paul Hart and allegedly threatened a linesman.

Pelo appears in a new comic strip adventure film called "The Young Giants". Proceeds go to rebuilding an orphan boys home in San Diego.

As Roma, the Italian champion will provide the opposition for Real Madrid when it stages a testimonial for its long-serving Spanish international defender Benito.

Ian Botham, the England cricketer, is back once again in soccer with Third Division Scunthorpe United. Botham a forward, stands 6'3 ins.

Unless the majority of the side pull up their socks Aberdeen seem likely to break up the side which last season won the European Cup-Winners Cup. That's straight from manager Alex Ferguson.

Wolves, in desperate trouble near the bottom of the First Division after winning promotion last year and saved from extinction by Derek Dougan 18 months ago, may be forced to sell Scottish international striker Andy Gray who cost them over \$3 million three years ago from Aston Villa.

Grey's contract ends next summer and his reported wage demands may force Dougan to sell before rather than wait for the Tribunal to fix the fee.

Two Soviet astronauts watched the Spartak Moscow v Aston Villa UEFA cup tie as they orbited in space.

Three Scots piloted English sides to victory in the European cup-ties second round first leg games. Arthur Graham got Manchester United's winner against Spartak Varna. Colin Welsh took the top spot for Notts Forest against PSV Eindhoven and Steve Archibald's double for Spurs against Johan Cruyff's Feyenoord avenged their final defeat of four years ago. All three players are Scottish internationals.

Poland in finals

The draw for the third round of the English League Cup on November 7.

Rotherham v Southampton, Birmingham v Notts County, Wimbledon v Oldham, Ipswich v Queens Park Rangers, Colchester v Manchester United, Tottenham v Arsenal, Norwich v Sunderland, West Ham v Brighton, Leeds v Oxford, Stoke Huddersfield, Fulham v Liverpool, Chelsea v West Bromwich, Macclesfield v Shrewsbury, Preston v Sheffield, Wednesday, Aston Villa v Manchester City, Everton v Coventry.

Poland beat Portugal 3-0 (half-time 1-0) in a European Under-21 championship group two match at home.

Scorers: Ryszard Tarasiwicz (18th min), Mariusz Niewiadomski (61).

Attendance: 10,000.

Group two standings.

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Soviet Union.....5 1 3 1 6 8 6

Finland.....5 1 3 2 5 8 6

Portugal.....5 1 2 2 3 6 4

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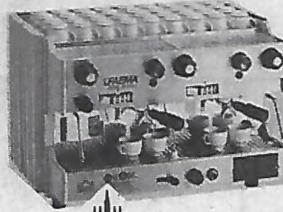
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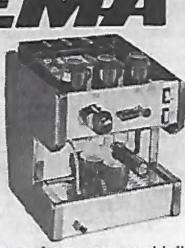
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